# Knitted angels for Weardale:

**What you will need:**

Some wool (in any yarn or colour)
Knitting needles (between 3.25mm and 4mm)
Darning needle
Small amount of stuffing

This angel is knitted in sparkly white (double knit), with a beige face and yellow wings on 3.25mm needles.

Please feel free to knit with whatever suitable yarn you have and sized needles.

The angels have been designed to be as simple and as flexible as possible so that everyone from a beginner to a more advanced knitter can have a go.

**The Angel Pattern:**

Cast on 48 sts
*(beginning at the bottom of body)*
1. Purl row
2. Knit row
3. P2TOG, P10*, repeat until end (44st)
4. Knit row
5. Purl row
6. K2TOG, K9*, repeat until end (40st)
7. Purl row
8. Knit row
9. P2TOG, P8*, repeat until end (36st)
10. Knit row
11. Purl row
12. K2TOG, K7*, repeat until end (32st)
13. Purl Row
14. Knit Row
15. P2TOG, P6*, repeat until end (28st)
16. Knit row
17. Purl row
18. K2TOG, K5*, repeat until end (24st)
19. Purl row
20. Knit row
21. P2TOG, P4*, repeat until end (20st)
22. Knit row
23. Purl row
24. Knit row
25. Purl row
       At this point, you can change your colour to create the face.
26. Knit row
27. Purl row
28. Knit row
29. Purl row
30. Knit row
31. Purl row
32. Knit row
33. (Purl 3st, purl 2 together) to end (16st)
34. Knit row
35. Purl row
36. K2TOG, K2* - repeat until end (12st)

Cut the yarn and using a darning needle, thread the end of the yarn through the stitches and tighten to create the top of the head. Turn the angel inside out and sew up the head and the body. Take a small amount of stuffing and place at the top of the head. Using a darning needle thread some yarn between the stitches around the neck and pull tightly together to create the head.

**Wings**

The wings are knitted in short rows, with the yarn wrapped around the last stitch in the middle of each ridge:

(w&t = wrap and turn).

To complete this you need to bring the yarn forward, slip the next stitch purl wise, take the yarn back again, replace the slipped stitch on the left-hand needle, bring the yarn forward again and turn the work. At first this seems complicated but if you persist with the pattern you will see it taking shape.

Cast on 9 sts

1. K8, w&t, K8
2. K6, w&t, K6
3. K4, w&t, K4
4. K2, w&t, K2
5. K4, w&t, K4
6. K6, w&t, K6



*(Wings after knitting rows 1-6)*



Repeat these 6 rows until they look like the ones in the picture, and then cast off stitches.

Sew the wings to the body.

If you want to you could create a halo for the angel's head by plaiting some wool together or making a chain with a crochet hook and discreetly securing to the top of the head.

Create a hoop to hang your angel up with.

**Why are we making angels?**

The vision for these knitted angels is for them to be hung throughout Weardale in the week leading up to Christmas. Angels are God's messengers and on the first Christmas they spread the news of hope and joy about Jesus' birth. With Covid-19 affecting so many people's lives, and the inability for us to gather together to celebrate Christmas (because of restrictions), we all need a reminder of hope. We also hope that they will bring joy to those who make them, and bring a smile to the faces of those who see them this Christmas.

Once the angels have been made and gathered in, they will have a tag attached to them with a website address where people will find a Christmas message attached about Hope. They will then be placed throughout the dale (from Cowshill to Wolsingham), as well as delivered to isolated people's homes.

We hope you enjoy making these angels.

*Please can you drop off any made angels in a carrier bag to:*
*Caroline Sawyer, 22 East End, Stanhope, DL13 2YG by 7th December*
*If you are unable to deliver them please call Caroline on: 07790913780*
*for them to be collected.*

*(In line with Covid guidance, they will be stored for at least 72hrs before distribution)*

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